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6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, unless noted below

- October 11th and 25th; Work Session 4th and 18th (5pm)
- November 8th and 22nd; Work Session 1st and 15th (5pm)
- December 13th; Work Session 6th and 20th (5pm)

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Surprise City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza Info: 623.222.3133

6 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month, unless noted below

- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 8th



City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings are broadcast live on Surprise II, available to Cox Cable subscribers in Surprise, Sun City and Sun City West. Council meetings are rebroadcast several times during the week following the meeting. Council meetings broadcast times are: 6 p.m. Tuesday, 8 a.m. Wednesday, 8 a.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Sunday. P&Z meetings broadcast times are 10:30 p.m. Monday, 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Thursday, 3 p.m. Saturday. **NOW STREAMING LIVE ON THE WEB!**

Don't trash your glass.... Recycle it!

In another step forward for Sustainable Surprise, the Surprise City Council approved a glass and enhanced plastics recycling program in September. All glass items and plastics numbered 1-7 can now be recycled via your big blue recycling bin.

"This expansion of the recycling program is in line with the sustainability component of the Council's Strategic Plan and fulfills the wishes of residents who have long asked for glass to be included in the recycling program," says Public Works Director Bob Beckley. "We are now able to take your glass beverage bottles, pickle jars and salad dressing bottles in the blue recycle bin."

Residents are asked to please rinse out all plastic and glass containers before placing them in the blue bin. Once picked up by sanitation workers, all recyclables are taken to Waste Management's new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) near 185th Avenue and Deer Valley Road.

Beckley notes that the city will receive more money from Waste Management through this expansion. "There are two ways this is a financial win for the City," he said.



"First, Waste Management pays us for items that can be recycled. Second, with more items headed for recycling we'll probably deposit fewer trash loads into the landfill, and consequently pay fewer fees."

More on the web!



For more information about Recycling in Surprise call 623.222.6000 or visit www.surpriseaz.gov/recycling.

Approved recycle items:

- Newspaper
- Aluminum & steel cans
- Glass
- Plastics # 1-7
- Cardboard, cereal, detergent and prepared food boxes
- Empty aerosol, shaving cream, deodorant and cooking spray cans

Prohibited items for recycling:

- Shower glass doors, microwave trays, window glass
- Light bulbs, auto glass, mirrors, glass cookware
- Plastic bags and wrap
- Clothes, diapers, Styrofoam
- Automotive parts, batteries
- Large metal items; cooking pots, toasters & microwaves
- Paint, computers, pesticides



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Saturday, October 8th
8 a.m. – Noon
Public Works Maint. Yard
13433 W. Foxfire Dr.

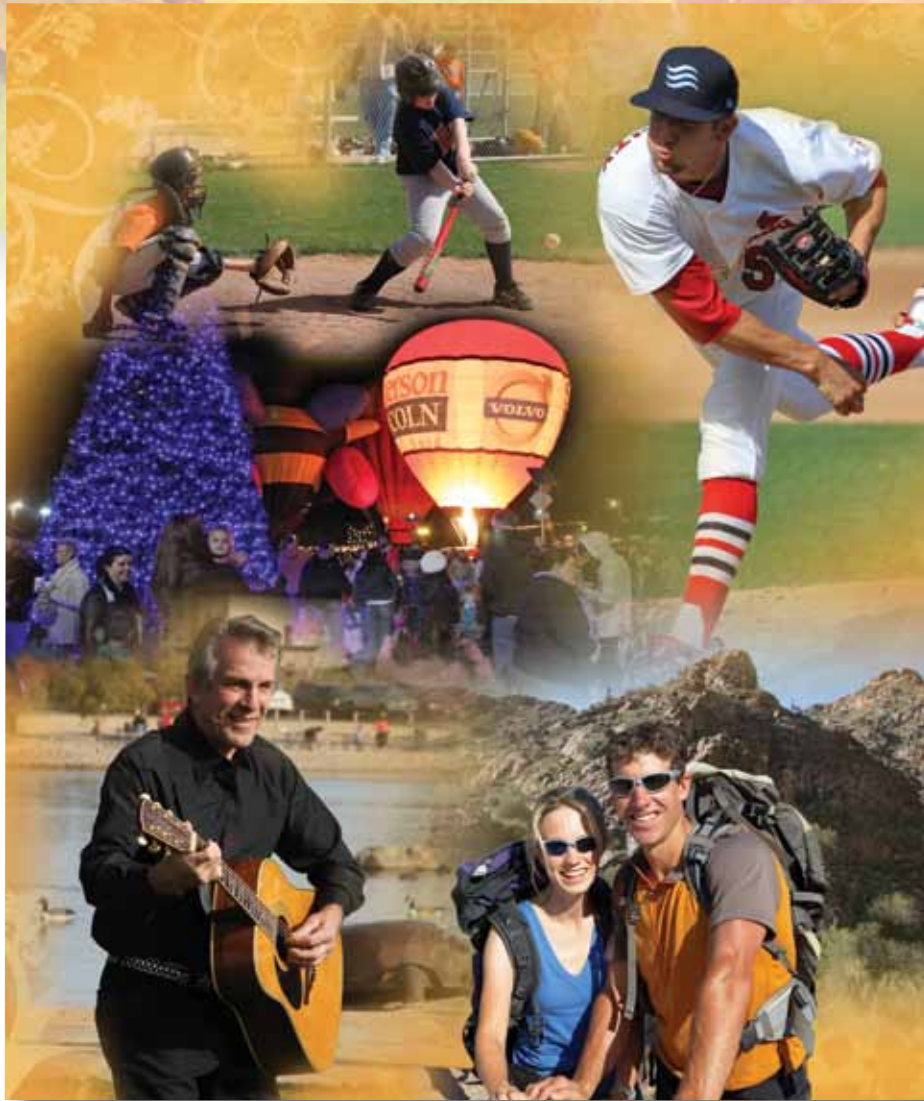


From Bell Road, turn north on Dysart Road and follow signs to the entrance off Foxfire Road.

Proof of residency is required. Seal items in their original container or clearly label all items and place in a cardboard box. Please remain in your vehicle, event staff will remove materials from your vehicle. For information call 623.222.6000

What's accepted?

- Antifreeze, car batteries, motor oil, gasoline, diesel, & fuel additives
- Brake-transmission-power steering fluid, degreasers
- Pool chemicals, fire extinguishers & gas cylinders
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs
- Paint, stain, varnish, turpentine, cleaners, adhesives, paint thinners, solvents
- Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers & other lawn chemicals
- Freezers & refrigerators (no RV refrigerators with ammonia)
- TVs, electronics, cell phones, computers
- Up to 5 auto tires (no rims & no truck tires)
- Washers, dryers, water heaters, stoves, dishwashers & evaporative coolers



Outdoor activities heat up as temperatures cool down

Welcome fall! Oh, how we have missed you...

As the triple digit temperatures begin to give way to more manageable figures, Surprise residents can escape air-conditioned hibernation and enjoy what makes living in Surprise great: getting outdoors and hanging with your friendly neighbors! As usual, there are many things to do...

Got game?

From tee-ball to adult level baseball, The **Surprise Community and Recreation Services Department** swings into the

season with a full slate of recreation programs for everyone. Baseball, softball, flag football and soccer for young athletes, co-ed softball and baseball for adults.

Cooler mornings and evenings mean a fresh opportunity to pick up some tennis skills. The “Tenniscize” program at the **Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex** is a great way to get in shape while getting better at the sport. Surprise Tennis University is for beginning adults who want to learn and practice the basics. This 11-week course gives you a firm foundation and lots of practice time. There are many other programs designed for all ages, levels and schedules.

The first of its kind in Arizona, **DreamCatcher Park** is a barrier-free play environment for special needs children. It features a urethane based surface that is safe and maneuverable for mobility devices such as wheel chairs and walkers. Gates to the playing surface, front entrance and walkways can accommodate wheelchairs and walkers and to ensure a level of comfort to everyone. DreamCatcher Park has plenty of adaptive youth sports scheduled throughout the cooler months, including Bambino Buddy Ball and Bocce Ball.

Baseball is not just a Spring Training tradition in Surprise. Through November you can watch young pro prospects play in the **Arizona Fall League** as the Surprise Saguaros take on other teams from around the region at Surprise Stadium. Check out the **Rising Stars game** on November 5. In a few years, you will be telling your friends about watching major league stars when they were just getting started in Surprise!

For more information about all of these programs call 623.222.2000 or visit www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation.

Music anyone?

Not a sports fan? Not a problem. Free live music is what the “**Second Sundays in the Park**” events are all about, and they’re back starting this month! Celebrate Oktoberfest and enjoy live German music, October 9, 2 – 5 p.m., at the Community Park, 15953 N. Bullard Avenue. Jazz fans won’t want to miss the November event, Nov. 13, where the band “Stepp-n into Tomorrow” performs live at the park.

Connect with Mother Nature

Outdoor recreation is a Surprise hallmark. **White Tank Mountain Regional Park** is the nation's largest regional park, offering 30,000 acres of pristine terrain for hiking, biking and horseback opportunities. Camping under the desert stars is also a family favorite.

'Tis the season to shop and Party!

Everyone loves a bargain, which is why the **Fall Surprise Swap Meet** is such a huge annual event. This year it is on November 19, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., in the Aquatic Center Parking lot, 15831 N. Bullard Avenue. Admission and parking are free. You will find many new and gently-used bargains, and have a blast doing it!

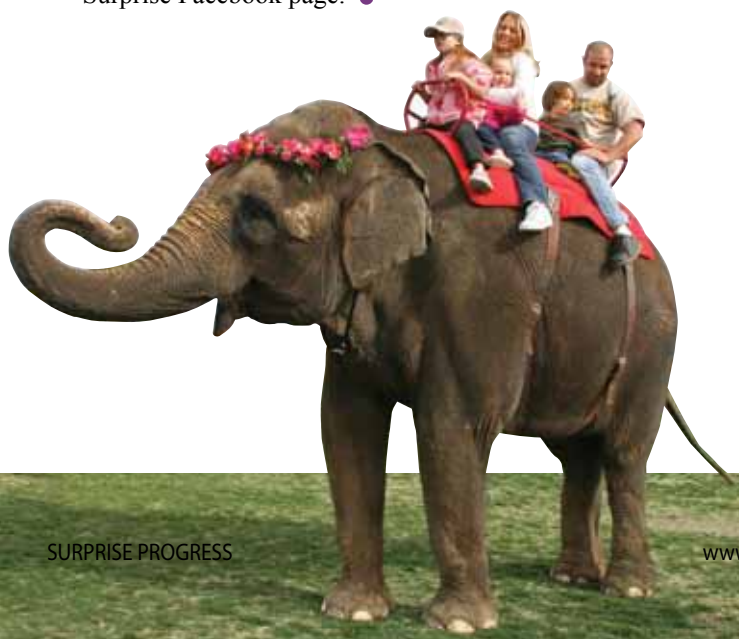
The holiday season comes alive every December at the annual **Surprise Party**, and this year we're celebrating the 10th anniversary of this great Surprise tradition from November 30 – December 3. This free, fun family event is a classic.

On November 30 and December 1, have the kids meet Santa at the Surprise Stadium Team Shop, renamed **"Santa's Workshop"** this time of year! Photos are taken 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., with pre-ordered tickets. Contact CRS at 623.222.2000 for details.

The big **Surprise Party** celebration kicks off the evening of Friday, December 2 (6 p.m. – 8 p.m.) with live entertainment, a tree-lighting ceremony, balloon glow along Bullard Avenue, skydivers, and more! The celebration continues on Saturday, December 3 on the Surprise Recreation Campus (11 a.m. – 5 p.m.) with elephant/pony rides, classic car show, arts/crafts, live entertainment and more.

For more information about the 10th Annual Surprise Party, please visit www.surpriseaz.gov/specialevents or call 623.222.2000.

NOTE: Outdoor city events are subject to weather conditions. Should inclement weather force the postponement or cancellation of a city event, the notification will be posted at www.surpriseaz.gov, on Surprise 11, on Twitter @AZSurprise and on the City of Surprise Facebook page. 🌤️



The Block Party Trailer comes to your door with everything you need to have a great Block Party. Above Neighborhood Services Program Assistant Kelly Mortensen gets ready to setup a Block Party in Kingswood Park last May.

Celebrate fall with a "Block Party" in Surprise

Cooler weather is one its way (no, really!). One way to celebrate being outdoors again is getting together with your neighbors to throw a Block Party. Be sure to reserve the city's Block Party Trailer, which comes equipped with all the things you'll need to ensure a fun time for all.



The city's Neighborhood Services Division (Community and Economic Development Department) offers free rentals of the Block Party Trailer, including chairs, tables, coolers, canopy tents, sports equipment, name tags, garbage bags, a PA-stereo system, lighting, a generator and more!

City staff will even deliver the trailer to you and be present during the event, so you and your neighbors can get to learn more about how your government works.

The rental includes a Block Party Kit, which includes flyers and posters to help spread the word about your party. You will also receive a \$75 gift card to a local grocery store to assist in party refreshment costs and the city will cover up to \$125 towards the cost of renting of a "bouncy house," the inflatable domes that young children love to jump around in.

To reserve the Block Party Trailer:

1. Call Neighborhood Services at (623)222-1550 to request an application, download one at www.surpriseaz.gov or pick one up at City Hall, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza during regular business hours.
2. Complete the application and send it back to the City of Surprise Block Party Program Coordinator. Reservations are required at least to two weeks (and up to 90 days) in advance of the event and are based on a first-come-first-served basis.
3. Once approved – start planning your party. 🌤️



Transportation Update



Loop 303: Construction underway!

Construction of Loop 303 within the city is underway, with full completion of the six lane freeway set for fall of 2013, according to state transportation officials. Construction between Mountain View Boulevard and Peoria Avenue began in August and will transform the existing, two-lane roadway into a modern urban freeway. This six-mile segment will include three lanes in each direction with a median, auxiliary lanes and traffic interchanges at Bell, Greenway, Waddell and Cactus roads and Peoria Avenue.

Work schedule

Work will occur simultaneously in all areas of the Loop 303 corridor between Mountain View Boulevard and Peoria Avenue. ADOT will provide advance information about possible local traffic impact, such as closures or detour routes.

Work is scheduled to occur Monday through Friday, though some night and weekend work will be necessary. Consistent with the city of Surprise construction ordinance, work will start at 5 a.m. during summer months and 7 a.m. the rest of the year. Crews will work 8-to-10 hour shifts.

2011 has been the biggest year yet in the long history of the 303 (see sidebar). In March, construction of the crossroad improvements at Bell, Waddell and Cactus roads was completed. In May, the 303 was connected to the I-17 when 14 miles of Loop 303 opened between the interstate and Happy Valley Parkway. Now construction is underway on the six miles between Mountain View Boulevard and Peoria Avenue. Construction is set to start in the fall on the traffic interchange at I-10.



Dust control

Construction work naturally produces dust, and controlling it is a Surprise priority as well as state law and an ADOT contract requirement. The contractor will obtain and maintain a dust control permit from Maricopa County and work in compliance with the county Air Quality Department's Dust Compliance Division.

Stay up-to-date!

ADOT is committed to providing information about how construction of the 303 will affect traffic patterns and daily life in the surrounding communities, and the ADOT public

information team is providing easy to find resources to keep you up to date: Sign up at www.ValleyFreeways.com to receive email updates. ADOT sends email alerts to subscribers weekly or as needed.

Visit the project web site at www.ValleyFreeways.com/Loop303 for useful news and information.

Questions or comments? Email them to valleyfreeways@azdot.gov or call the toll-free ADOT Project Hotline at 1-855-712-8530. ☀



THE HISTORY OF LOOP 303

Did you know Loop 303 dates back to 1984? That's when the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) identified the need for a West Valley regional connector freeway later to be dubbed Loop 303. A year later, Maricopa County voters approved a 1/2 cent sales tax through Proposition 300 to fund the MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), which included the Loop 303. Today, Loop 303 is headed toward the finish line as the newest completed regional transportation link in the Valley.

Other key dates in the history of Loop 303:

- 2001 Maricopa County, which is responsible for operation and maintenance of Loop 303 at this time, completes the first Environmental Assessment and holds public scoping meetings.
- 2004 Maricopa County voters approve Proposition 400 to extend the 1/2 cent sales tax for 20 years. The extension takes effect in 2006 and will expire in 2026.
- 2006 ADOT re-assumes operation and maintenance of Loop 303.
- 2007 ADOT completes a state-level Environmental Assessment for Loop 303 between Happy Valley Parkway and 43rd Avenue. A federal-level Environmental Assessment also is completed for Loop 303 between 43rd Avenue and I-17.
- 2008 ADOT publishes its draft Environmental Assessment for Loop 303 from I-10 to U.S. 60 and holds a series of public hearings.
- 2009 The federal government approves the Environmental Assessment and issues a "Finding of No Significant Impact," allowing for the start of construction. Work begins on Loop 303 between I-17 and Happy Valley Parkway. Construction also begins on crossroad improvements in anticipation of traffic interchanges at the Loop 303 alignment and Bell, Waddell and Cactus roads.

Crisis Response: Comfort in times of emergency

The Surprise Crisis Response Team is an all volunteer force helping people affected by house fires, drowning calls, domestic abuse calls and traffic accidents. Filling a key role in the City's integrated emergency response system by supporting the Police and Fire Department, these volunteers are trained to provide the emotional support for people dealing with emergency situations.

Now, the Team is open to new volunteers, says Program Supervisor Stephanie Smith. "Team members may coordinate with the American Red Cross to assist a family displaced by fire, help a senior in need of resources for daily care, or provide grief support if needed," she says. "We are looking for people motivated to complete a thorough training program and get involved helping our first responders and the community."

The 60 members of the Surprise Crisis Response team work citywide, based at Fire Station 301 in the Original Town Site, and respond 24/7, Smith added.

Before being cleared for full participation, Crisis Response members get three weeks of regional training, 8 hours of integration training with Surprise Fire and PD, and in-field training with training officers.

Crisis Response volunteers also have the opportunity to work with all Northwest Valley fire departments and police agencies.

"This is a very important service we offer to Surprise and surrounding communities," says Smith. "Knowing that you can help someone during a tough time and ease their burden is a truly rewarding experience for our team members."

If you are interested in becoming a Crisis Response volunteer, please call 623.222.5040, or email stephanie.smith@surpriseaz.gov for more information. A downloadable application is available at www.surpriseaz.gov, by clicking on the CR Program link on the home page of the Surprise Fire Department.

You can follow the Surprise Crisis Response Team on Twitter @ SurpriseCR301 and "Like" them on Facebook. 🌈

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**Stephanie Smith,
Crisis Response
Program Supervisor**

What's new on the Web

NEW Economic Development site blazes

A revamped economic development web site is luring new businesses and residents to our city with eye catching graphics and easy to find information on everything from business properties to cost of living statistics. Developed as a partnership between Communications and Community and Economic Development, the new site was unveiled to the City Council in August. It features a news center, reviews about Surprise by business owners who have opened here, maps about available properties, major developments and planning, and important documents such as sales tax rates and an analysis of the Surprise work force. The site also includes a video center and a handy summation of important Surprise statistics called "City Snapshot." Check it out at www.surpriseaz.gov/econdev.



"Welcome to Surprise" an online hit

The newly produced "Welcome to Surprise" video was immediately popular on the city's web site, as getting more than 1700 views in its first two months online. The fast moving clip introduces first time visitors to Surprise as an outdoorsy, clean, safe, new community that draws all types of people, from seniors to entrepreneurs, from young families to outdoor enthusiasts. "Tourism and Economic Development continue to matter greatly to Surprise, and videos such as these help us move the city forward on both fronts," says City Manager Chris Hillman. Seen it yet? It is on the home page of www.surpriseaz.gov.



Surprise expands on Facebook

Have you "liked" the Crisis Response Team or the Police Department yet? Get on Facebook and get involved with your first responders as both launched Facebook sites this summer. The Surprise Police Department is concentrating on reaching out to residents with neighborhood news, safety tips, alerts and ways to get you involved in keeping crime low in Surprise. The Crisis Response Team (see separate story) is an all volunteer group that assists police and fire responders in Surprise and around the Northwest Valley. They are an exciting and important part of the community's emergency response, and their Facebook sites keeps you up to date and offers information on becoming a Crisis Responder yourself!



THIS JUST IN!



Like **aztechcelerator** on **Facebook**, too.

More on the web!



www.surpriseaz.gov

Retail Survey a hit with residents

We asked and you answered! In August, the Community and Economic Development Department launched an online retail survey, asking residents to list the stores, restaurants and entertainment choices they wanted to see move to Surprise, and the response was spectacular!

"Neighbors talk to each other about what stores they want in their hometown and we wanted to be part of that conversation," says Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Mihelich. "As a result the 'Suggest a Business' survey was launched."

The survey, on www.surpriseaz.gov, asked residents to name the business they want to see in Surprise, and provide as much information about the business as possible. Economic Development staffers will use the information as part of their recruitment efforts at conventions and other business attraction venues.



"Businesses love to know their customers are looking for them," says Mihelich. "By getting residents involved, we hope to have enough information to contact the top two or three and show them their next expansion should be in Surprise." Mihelich cited a similar survey in 2009 that was useful in persuading Trader Joe's to come to Surprise.

More than 750 people responded, with Costco getting the most votes. Other businesses popular in the survey are a bowling alley; In N Out Burger; JoAnn Fabrics; Sweet Tomatoes and Whole Foods.

"We appreciate the great response and the enthusiasm," Mihelich said. "Although many factors go into a business decision to relocate or open a new store, you can be sure we will have this survey ready to share as retailers consider Surprise." ☀



Be Surprised! Buy Surprise.

Buying locally means:

- More local jobs
- Your sales tax dollars work to improve Surprise



GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Chris Evert



Pete Sampras



Presented by **Sanderson Volvo**

4th Annual Cancer Treatment Centers of America Tennis Championships

October 8 & 9, 2011
**Surprise Tennis and Racquet
Complex**

The lineup:

October 8: Pete Sampras; Mats Wilander; Jim Courier & Michael Chang
October 9: Mixed doubles play with Jim Courier, Michael Chang, Chris Evert & Tracy Austin

Where to buy tickets:

CRS Office, 15960 N. Bullard Ave.
Mon-Thurs., 7am - 6pm.
www.ticketmaster.com or
800.745.3000.

*Group discounts and special VIP packages are also available



Community jobs site launches this fall

All licensed City of Surprise businesses will soon have a new job recruitment resource, while Surprise residents will enjoy a new job-search tool at their disposal.

Later this month, the Surprise Community and Economic Development Department will launch the City of Surprise Community Jobs web site, www.surpriseaz.gov/communityjobs, offering local employers a new venue for posting local wage-based jobs and serving as a great resource for Surprise job seekers.

"The creation of this web site comes straight out of the City Council's Strategic Plan," says Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Mihelich. "The intent is to connect local companies that have employment needs with residents seeking employment opportunities. We want to help our business community grow and allow our residents to be able to work in their hometown."

Any business that has a City of Surprise business license can post jobs on the web site at no charge. Job seekers can then visit the site and see how to connect with the companies offering the jobs.

"We are launching the site in the fall, in anticipation of many new seasonal job opportunities opening up," adds Mihelich. "Of course we hope our employers will offer many new permanent jobs on the site for residents in a variety of industries from manufacturing and retail to healthcare."

The site will also include a link to the Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce's Job Fair calendar.

The Community Jobs web site was designed and built by the Marketing and Communications and Information Technology Departments. 🌈



Community JOBS

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Jeff Mihelich
Community and Economic
Development Director



Redrawing of city council districts continues

The Surprise Redistricting Committee will meet for a final time October 5 as it fashions a new recommendation to the Surprise City Council on where new voting district boundaries should be drawn.

The Council voted to send the Committee back to work August 23 after tabling a motion to approve a proposed map of voting districts.

The Council recommended the Committee consider a potential blending of Map 1, which was tabled August 23, and Map 4, which the Committee had recommended to the Council August 9. Council made clear, however, that the Committee could consider other options.

Council reiterated its previous direction that the process be “blind,” meaning the redrawing of voting district lines should not include the possible impact on current Council members.

The Committee will meet Wednesday, October 5, at 6:00pm at the Community Community Room, 15950 N. Civic Center Plaza to review public input and make a recommendation to the City Council. The meeting is open to the public.

The Committee held September meetings to consider options and gather public input.

Community and Economic Development Director Jeff Mihelich, the lead staff liaison with the Committee, says the Committee timeline calls for Council to consider and vote on its recommendation at Council’s October 18 and October 25 meetings.

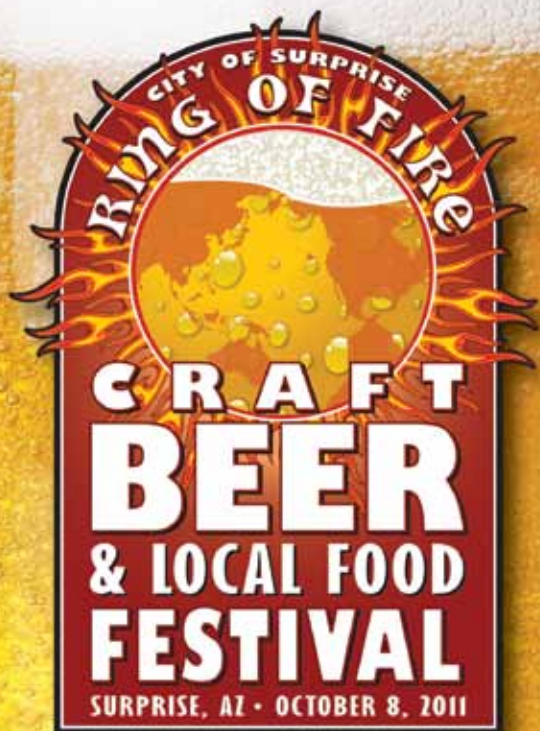
Following Council approval, a map of proposed boundaries will be sent to the Department of Justice for approval. After federal clearance, the first municipal elections to be held with the new boundaries in place will be in 2013. 🌈



9/11 MEMORIAL

On Sunday, September 11, the city of Surprise Fire and Police Departments held a 9/11 Memorial Service to honor all the public safety officials who perished in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. In addition to the Fire and Police Honor Guard, the striking of bells marked the times that each of the towers were struck. The event culminated with the unveiling of a 9/11 memorial, a piece of steel recovered from the wreckage of the World Trade Center inside a glass case etched with the names of the public safety officers who lost their lives that day.





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"Ring of Fire"



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October 8, 2011
Noon- 6 pm

Surprise Recreation Campus - Tennis & Racquet Complex
14469 Paradise Lane

\$10 entry fee
includes 5 tastings

*Individuals with CTCA Tennis Championships Tickets get Free Admission.
Tasting tickets available for purchase.

WHAM
Art Exhibit &
Demonstration

Local Cuisine from Surprise Restaurants:
Hayashi • Macayo's • Las Fuentes • Picazzo's

Special Guest Appearances by:
Beth McDonald 99.9 KEZ and
"Morning Mayor" Dave Pratt 103.9 The Edge

Live Music Featuring **Ron's Garage Band**
and **The Chadwicks**



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact Community and Recreation Services
at **623.222.2000** or
visit **www.surpriseaz.gov**.

FOR TICKETS:

Ticketmaster: www.ticketmaster.com or call **800.745.3000** or in
person at **Community & Recreation Services Office 15960 N. Bullard Ave**



Every month CRS puts on a **Dance Party** for **11-14 year olds** hosted by Tracie and the Surprise Rec Partys Crew. Get all the information on the CRS "Surprise Rec Partys" Face Book page! Party fliers will be posted on that page when a party is planned letting you know where the party is and what the theme. Parties are from 8 - 11 pm and cost \$10 per person. Admission also includes pizza and drink.

Teen Winter Dodge Ball Tournament

Surprise teens will compete against teens from across the Valley in this exciting dodge ball tournament. The tournament is Dec. 10th, from 5 - 10 p.m. at the Countryside Recreation Center. It's free to participate, so register your team of 6 or individually by calling 623.222.2000.



Fall Swap Meet

There is something for everyone at the Swap Meet. Enjoy bargain shopping or looking for new and used treasures.

Date: Saturday, Nov. 19
Times: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Location: Aquatic Center Parking Lot
Fee: Free admission and parking

City Happenings

October 2011

- 8 & 9 CTCA Tennis Championships,** Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex, 623.222.2400
- 8 Ring of Fire Craft Beer & Local Food Festival,** Noon – 6 pm, Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex \$10 (free with CTCA ticket), 623.222.2000
- 8 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event,** 8 a.m. – Noon, Maintenance Yard, 13433 W. Foxfire Dr., 623.222.6000
- 9 Second Sundays in the Park,** 2 – 5 p.m., enjoy live German music, Community Park, 15953 N. Bullard, FREE, 623.222.2000
- 10 Columbus Day,** (city offices closed)
- 17 HOA Academy,** 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Public Safety Building-Auditorium, 14250 W. Statler Plaza, *5-week course introduces you to HOA operations/budget, Register at 623.222.3242
- 19 Cultivating Roses in the Desert,** 10– 11 a.m., Public Safety Building- Auditorium, 14250 W. Statler Plaza, *Pre-registration required at 623.222.7023 (\$5 for non-residents)
- 17 Surprise HOA Academy,** 6-week course focuses on HOA roles, governing, budget & more. Call to register 623.222.3242
- 27-20 Sierra Montana Haunted House,** 6 – 8 p.m., Sierra Montana Rec Center, 14861 N. Spring Lane, \$2. *kids under 10 years must be accompanied by an adult. 623.222.2000
- 29 Making the Most of Your Irrigation System,** 10 – 11a.m., Public Safety Building- Auditorium, 14250 W. Statler Plaza, *Pre-registration required at 623.222.7023 (\$5 for non-residents)



- 19 Fall Surprise Swap Meet,** 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Aquatic Center Parking Lot, 15831 N. Bullard, FREE admission/ parking, 623.222.1500
- 24 Thanksgiving Day,** (city offices closed)
- 30 Surprise Party's Santa's Workshop,** Surprise Stadium Team Shop, 5 – 7:30 p.m. *Tickets required, call 623.222.2000 for details

December 2011

- 1 Surprise Party's Santa's Workshop,** Surprise Stadium Team Shop, 5 – 7:30p.m. *Tickets required, call 623.222.2000 for details
- 2 Surprise Party, Surprise Recreation Campus,** 6 – 8 p.m., live entertainment, tree-lighting, balloon glow, skydivers and more. FREE 623.222.2000
- 3 Surprise Party, Surprise Recreation Campus,** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., elephant/pony rides, classic car show, arts/crafts & more. FREE 623.222.2000
- 10 Winterizing Your Landscapes,** 10 – 11 a.m., Public Safety Building- Auditorium, 14250 W. Statler Plaza, *Pre-registration required at 623.222.7023 (\$5 for non-residents)
- 10 Winter Dodge Ball Tournament,** 5 – 10 p.m., Countryside Rec Center, 15038 N. Parkview Place, Surprise teens compete against teens from across the Valley. Free to participate, teams of 6 or individuals welcome. 623.222.2000
- 11 Second Sundays in the Park,** 2 – 5 p.m., enjoy family-friendly, live entertainment at Community Park, 15953 N. Bullard, FREE, 623.222.2000
- 26 Christmas holiday observed,** (city offices closed)



November 2011

- 5 AZ Fall League "Rising Stars" game,** Surprise Stadium, 623.222.2000
- 10 Veterans Day observed,** (city offices closed)
- 13 Second Sundays in the Park, 2 – 5 p.m.,** enjoy live Jazz music from "Stepp-n into Tomorrow," Community Park, 15953 N. Bullard, FREE, 623.222.2000



More on the web!



For up to the minute calendar of events visit www.surpriseaz.gov.



Surprise City Council meets second and fourth Tuesdays of every month, 6 p.m.

Surprise City Council Special Work Sessions, every first and third Tuesday of the month, 5 p.m.

Surprise Planning & Zoning Commission meets on the first Thursday of every month, 6 p.m.

All meetings are held at **Surprise City Hall**, 16000 N. Civic Center Plaza



What's going on?

City of Surprise Senior Center



15832 N. Hollyhock St.
623.222.1500

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For ages **50** and better

Cost: **\$12** Annual membership
\$15 Non-residents

** Non-resident rates apply for classes and trips

Are you new to Surprise?

Stop by the Senior Center for a tour and receive an introductory copy of the menu, activities calendar, and newsletter. We can also mail these introductory items to those who call 623.222.1500 and provide a name and address.

We're Online!

Visit www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation and click on Senior Services. Print your calendar and newsletter from home. Activities updated monthly!



Fitness Center

8:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Monday - Friday
Annual membership fee \$30 (\$35 non-residents)
Winter only, \$20 (\$25 non-residents)

Enjoy a hot lunch and shop on Hollyhock Street

Hot lunches are available weekdays for a \$3.50 contribution; please call ahead for a lunch reservation. You may also enjoy the mini Café, offering gourmet coffees, tea & biscotti for nominal prices. Be sure to browse the on-site Thrift Shop and pick up some great bargains, with plenty of gift items, jewelry and greeting cards in stock.

Social time

At the Senior Center you can enjoy a variety of card and board games, BINGO, dance, crafts, exercise, movies, Reader's Theatre Group, guitar group and mahjongg.

For your health

Blood Pressure screenings are also available twice per month, along with exercise classes, dance and benefits counseling.

Weatherization Program

Maricopa County Human Services County staffers will be at the Senior Center on certain days to assist low income eligible homeowners apply for the Home Weatherization Program. Appointments are required. For qualification information, or to make an appointment call 602.372.4858. Please leave a message and someone will return your call.

Upcoming Classes

Classes offered at the Senior Center include Quilting, Guitar, Monday Morning Crafts, One Stroke Painting, Exercise, Needlecrafts. For class information or to register, please call 623.222.1500 or visit www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation.



Computer Classes offered monthly

(Class size limited to 6)

- Basic 1 & 2 • Email 1 & 2
- Internet 1 & 2

Must take Level 1 classes before Level 2
\$10 (\$12 non-residents), Pre-register at the Senior Center Front Desk. Details and dates call 623.222.1500 or visit www.surpriseaz.gov/recreation.

Surprise Packages From Home

The Surprise Senior Center is a designated drop-off site for "Packages from Home," a non-profit organization dedicated to sending care packages to our soldiers deployed in war areas. Info: 602.253.0284 or www.packagesfromhome.org



Recycle your old cell phone and other items

The Senior Center, in partnership with the National Council on Aging and Cellular Recycler, is working to keep old cell phones out of the nation's landfills. In addition to cell phones, this recycling program also accepts the following other items for recycling:

- Game systems such as X Box, Playstation, etc.
- iPods and MP3 players
- laptop computers
- digital cameras

The Senior Center receives a small recycling rebate on each item collected and those funds help support Senior Center programs. Drop boxes are located in the lobby of the Senior Center, the City Store at City Hall and at the city's fire stations.

Volunteer in Surprise

Opportunities are available in several city departments including Senior Center, Senior Van Drivers, Clericals, Office Support and Data Entry, Fire, Police, Public Works Fire Hydrant Painting, or Community & Recreation Services. Learn more at www.surpriseaz.gov/volunteer.

Get on the bus!

Join the fun that is our **active adult trips!** A variety of trips are offered throughout the year. All trips leave and return from the Surprise Senior Center.



Arizona State Fair

Date: Thursday, Oct. 27
Time: 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Fee: Resident: \$8 / Non Resident: \$12
(limited to 30 people)

Doll & Toy Museum & Rosson House Tour

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 15
Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Fee: Resident: \$15 / Non Resident: \$19
(limited to 30 people; lunch on your own)

A Christmas Story – Phoenix Theatre Matinee

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 7
Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Fee: Resident: \$28 / Non Resident: \$32
(limited to 30 people; lunch at Acadia Garden on your own)

Anthem Outlet Holiday Shopping

Date: Friday, Dec. 16
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Fee: Resident: \$8 / Non Resident: \$12
(limited to 30 people)



(July 2011 - September 2011)

NOTE: The following addresses are from business permit licenses, listing Surprise mailing addresses, and do not necessarily indicate the businesses store-front address.

Rioglass Solar's U.S. headquarters and curved-glass manufacturing facility in Surprise's Skyway Business Park.

Retail/Auto/Service

Rioglass Solar, 13351 W. Rioglass Solar Rd. • **AZ Healthy Home LLC**, 14526 W. Sierra St. • **Arizona Holiday Traditions LLC**, 14719 Highway 60 • **Expedia Cruise Ship Centers**, 15608 N. Ulrich Way • **CEA Solar**, 12425 W. Bell Rd. #106 • **The Mandolin Store**, 12213 W. Bell Rd. #117 • **The Professional Group os AZ LLC**, 15535 N. Reems Rd. #125-1 • **Heather M. Hamman**, 15142 W. Bell Rd. #104-110 • **GSCK Construction**, 17790 W. Wood Dr. • **Therapeutic Kneads PLLC**, 15142 W. Bell Rd. #103-132 • **Demitres Felix**, 15406 N. Greasewood St. • **Jason Golden**, 14551 W. Grand Ave. • **Jack Talley**, 13764 W. Bell Rd. • **Valley Vista Lady Hoops**, 16750 W. Bell Rd. • **Nail Designs by Dana**, 15142 W. Bell Rd. #103-109 • **AZ Blackcat Fireworks**, 11677 W. Bell Rd. • **A Shear Thing**, 15142 W. Bell Rd. #103-104 • **Southwest Independent Teens**, 17303 W. Carmon Dr. • **Zimmerman Electric Company**, 16873 W. Southhampton Rd. • **Home Care Private Duties**, 14745 W. Redfield Rd. • **FiveP Marketing & Consulting LLC**, 13256 W. Ironwood St. • **Montage Memories LLC**, 12658 N. 154 Ln. • **Crocheted Wallaghans & other Crocheted Accessories**, 16229 N. 123 Dr. • **B's Helping Hands Service**, 20757 N. Kingpoint Dr. • **Apple Pie Services**, 16230 W. Watson Ln. • **Redmond Landcare**, 14345 W. Caribbean Ln. • **Surprise Computer**, 19944 N. Canyon Whisper Dr. • **Never Ending Voices**, 17038 W. Marconi Ave. • **New Horizon Aviation LLC**, 16450 N. 172 Ln. • **Conservative Pest Solutions LLC**, 17948 W. Desert Ln. • **Niyoom Design LLC**, 13761 W. Bell Rd. #B209 • **Friends of Threads Quilt Store & More LLC**, 16846 W. Bell Rd. #107 • **Cellular Spot**, 14545 W. Grand Ave. #108 • **Courtyard Color Studio**, 15142 W. Bell Rd. #120 • **Four 28 Mobile Solutions LLC**, 18218 N. 170 Ln. • **ME Steel Consultants**, 15044 W. Dahlia Dr. • **Home Safe with Rita**, 13283 N. 153 Ln. • **Villa Leather & Frabric**, 15033 W. Aster Dr. • **Arizona's Cabinet Refacing Company LLC**, 13508 N. 177 St. • **Creative Treasures**, 17094 W. Lundberg St. • **Dyslexic Like Me**, 17806 W. Ironwood St. • **Dees Day Care**, 14993 W. Riviera Dr. • **Washington Weenies** (mobile vendor), 14554 W. Desert Hills Dr. • **Paradise Window Cleaning**, 16345 W. Rimrock St. • **Webb Water Services LLC**, 15888 N. 172 Ln. • **Onsite Security LLC**, 15358 W. Acapulco Ln. • **DMC Tech Company**, 14889 W. Georgia Dr. • **Sonoran Lawn Care LLC**, 14955 W. Alexandria Way • **Voulez Vous Nails**, 13375 W. Grand Ave. #103 • **Wassos Carpet Cleaning**, 11453 W. Eden McKenzie • **All Sorts of Shinizl**, 16170 W. Dynamite Blvd. • **Senior Placement**, 13578 W. Port Au Prince Ln. • **Desert Valley Home Watch**, 17044 W. Bristol Ln. • **Mac Arms LLC**, 16850 W. Tonbridge St. • **Palmview Cleaning**, 17155 W. Tara Ln. • **Surprise Farms Landscaping**, 18381 W. Young St. • **Clean Slate Home Cleaning Services**, 11608 W. Kumquat Ct. • **Daisy & Duke's Fancy Tags**, 14086 W. Windrose Dr. • **A+ Screen Printing**, 14456 W. Boca Raton Rd. • **Office Connection Enterprises**, 15411 W. Waddell Rd. #102 • **SSS Ice Cream** (mobile vendor), 17030 W. Tonbridge St. • **Black Cloud Brothers**, 14174 W. Boca Raton Rd. • **Angels Home Repair**, 15254 N. 138 Dr. • **Eagle in the Sun Painting**, 15240 N. 142 Ave. #2099

Office/Medical/Dental

Arizona Desert Hand Therapy Services, 14239 W. Bell Rd. #110
Robert O Caseldine DDS PC, 14239 W. Bell Rd. #220
Sante of Surprise, 14775 W. Yorkshire Dr.

Adult Care

A Paradise for Parents IV LLC, 14210 N. 138 Ct.

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Make your vote count!

There is still time to register to vote in the Surprise General Election November 8, as voters decide contests for the Mayor's position and council seats in Districts Two and Three.

The first mailing of ballots will occur October 6, says Surprise City Clerk Sherry Aguilar. Voter registration is open until October 10. In a second mailing after the deadline, The Maricopa County Recorder's Office will send ballots to those who registered after the first mailing.

Residents who voted in the August 30 primary are automatically registered to vote in the November General Election, Aguilar says.

In August, District Four Councilmember Roy Villanueva won reelection outright, with the other three races set for the November runoff after no candidate won more than 50% of the votes cast.

Voters city wide will choose between Mayor Lyn Truitt and former District One Councilmember Sharon Wolcott in the Mayor's election. Voters living in District Two will choose between Councilmember Richard Alton and challenger Judy Blackburn, while voters living in District Three will choose between Councilmember John Williams and challenger Joy Grainger.

The winners will be sworn in to 4 year terms in January, 2012.

Ballots can be returned by mail or dropped off at City Hall, Aguilar says. For information on registering to vote, visit the City Clerk web site at www.surpriseaz.gov. 